Legislation for agricultural labourers

972. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether being upset over Government's failure to enact a Central legislation for agricultural labourers despite several promises, many organisations have decided to launch a nation-wide agitation on the 7th November, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in introducing the Central legislation on agricultural labourers;

(c) whether this delay caused a great resentment among the agricultural labourers; and

(d) if so, by when, this legislation would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Labour has not received such information. As there are divergent views of the State Governments in the matter of enactment of Central legislation for agricultural workers, therefore such a proposal could not be processed furhter. In view of this, it is difficult to indicate a time-frame in this regard.

Unemployment Allowance for educated unemployed youth

973. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the problem of growing number of unemployed youths in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to give "unemployment allowance" to all the educated unemployed youths registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Ninth Plan had accorded priority to